Prices of valium tablets

2870. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 tablets of 5 mg strength of valium tablets are sold for Rs. 3.28;

(b) whether it is also a fact that price of 10 tablets does not work out to be more than 50 p.;

(c) what are the reasons that the prices of these tablets have not been fixed for the major producers of formulators of Diazepam; and

(d) what steps are being taken to safeguard the public interest and fix the prices of these tablets under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Dextropropoxyphene

2871. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that overcharging the prices of Dextropropoxyphene came to the notice of his Ministry;

(b) if so, when and what are the details of drug companies, price being overcharged for each;

(c) what steps were taken to prevent overcharging of price and whether it is a fact that producers have refused to comply with the orders of the Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of Dextropropoxyphene based formulations are also being overcharged;

(e) if so, the names of brands and price being overcharged on each; and

(f) what action has been taken against the producers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A complaint of overcharging the price of Dextropropoxyphene bulk drug, fixed by the Government was received. The reply received from the company was examined. The company had stated that additional price charged by them relate to reprocessing charges for conversion to extra pharmacopial specifications required by the customer.

(d) to (f) M|s. Wockhardt is marketing formulations containing Dextropropoxyphene, manufactured by M|s. Celsus Pharmaceuticals and M|s. Ultim Pharmaceuticals. As the concerned companies failed to submit applications, the Government has recently fixed the prices of these formulation packs unilaterally, under provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Functioning of IDPL and HAL

2872. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money given to IDPL and HAL for working Capital needs, for capital investments and other requirements during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the last restructuring of the capital of both these companies done and what was the amount of the loan converted into equity;

(c) what is the interest paid by those companies to the Government and financial institutions every year during the last three years and at what rate the borrowing has been made; and

(d) what were the sales and losses of these companies during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The requisite information in respect of IDPL is given in the attached